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SUBJ 55TH ECOSOC: NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUMMARY: NGO COMMITTEE HELD TWO SESSIONS  
JULY 5 AT WHICH DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND  
ROLD OF NGO'S IN PROGRAM FOR DECADE OF ACTION TO  
COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. ATTENTION  
ALSO GIVEN CONTRIBUTION OF NGO'S TO IMPLEMENTATION  
OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL  
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND IMPROVING CONTRIBUTION  
OF NGO'S TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOALS AND  
OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
FOR DDII. REPORT OF THIS NGO COMMITTEE MEETING TO  
BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL PLENARY DURING THIRD WEEK  
OF SESSION. COMMITTEE APPROVED REQUESTS OF FIVE  
NGO'S FOR ORAL STATEMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS OF 55TH  
ECOSOC. END SUMMARY.

2. DUE TO UN SECRETARIAT SCHEDULING CONFLICT  
NGO COMMITTEE HELD ONLY TWO SESSIONS RATHER THAN  
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THREE AS PLANNED. THE SHORTNESS OF TIME FOR

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE WAS NOTED BY MANY DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING U.S. IN FUTURE YEARS, IF THE NGO COMMITTEE CONTINUES PRACTICE OF DISCUSSING SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS DURING ITS SUMMER MEETING, SESSIONS SHOULD BE HELD ON TWO SEPARATE DAYS AT MINIMUM AND DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO MEETING.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOCUSED ATTENTION ON ELEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED BY THE COMMITTEE OF NGO'S ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH MET IN JUNE 1973 ON "ROLE OF NGO'S IN PROGRAM FOR DECADE OF ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION". THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS AMENDED BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NGO COMMITTEE, WILL FORM AN ANNEX TO THE NGO COMMITTEE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL PLENARY. THE ELEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MAINLY CONCERNED WITH URGING NGO'S TO CONSIDER MEASURES IN SUPPORT OF 27TH GA PROCLAMATION RE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATIONS PLUS LACK OF TIME FOR CONSULTATION LED U.S. DEL TO RESERVE POSITION ON FOLLOWING TWO PARAGRAPHS. PARAGRAPH 5 READS: "THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON NGO REQUESTS, THROUGH ECOSOC, THAT THE SYG EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING THE NGO CONFERENCES IN THIS FIELD INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES INCLUDING INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION". PARAGRAPH 7 READS: "IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT NGO'S CONSIDER URGING GOVERNMENTS TO DENY SUPPORT TO RACIST REGIMES AND SHOULD DO LIKEWISE THEMSELVES. THIS MAY INVOLVE NGO'S THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL AFFILIATES, URGING GOVERNMENTS TO DISCONTINUE ALL MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COLLABORATION WITH SUCH RACIST REGIMES AND CESSATION OF ALL ACTIVITIES BY FOREIGN ECONOMIC INTERESTS WHICH ENCOURAGE SUCH RACIST REGIMES". LATTER PARAGRAPH ADAPTED FROM GA RES. 2923E (XXVII) WHICH U.S. VOTED AGAINST. DEL WILL FORWARD FINAL TEXT OF DRAFT TO DEPT FOR COMMENT WHEN COMPLETE, PRIOR TO PLENARY DEBATE.

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4. ONLY BRIEF DISCUSSION HELD RE CONTRIBUTION OF NGO'S TO IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE SINCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE OF 24 IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP THIS ISSUE. USSR DEL ATTEMPTED, THROUGH NGO COMMITTEE, TO WIDEN SCOPE OF GA RES. 2980 (XXVII) BY INCLUDING REFERENCE TO NGO'S. USSR INTRODUCED FOLLOWING FORMULATION: "THE NGO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO ECOSOC TO INVITE

THE GA TO WIDEN THE CIRCLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WERE REFERRED TO BY RES. 2980 AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION BY THE ORGANIZATIONS CONNECTED WITH THE UN". GIVEN SUBSTANCE OF DRAFT AND TIME CONSTRAINT, THIS LANGUAGE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO U.S., UK, FRANCE OR NETHERLANDS. FOLLOWING SUPPORTIVE STATEMENT BY HUNGARIAN DELEGATE, IT WAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN REPORT OF COMMITTEE AS A USSR PROPOSAL, I.E., NOT A COMMITTEE PROPOSAL.

5. SECRETARY OF NGO COMMITTEE PRESENTED BRIEF ORAL REPORT RE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY BY NGO'S. CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE OF NGO'S, ROSALIND HARRIS, ALSO SPOKE RE THIS OBJECTIVE.

6. COMMITTEE APPROVED REQUESTS OF FOLLOWING NGO'S TO PARTICIPATE ECOSOC DEBATE: INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ITEM 3); INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION FREE TRADE UNIONS (ITEM 14); LEAGUE OF RED CROSS (ITEM 22); WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION (ITEM 4); WORLD FEDERATION TRADE UNIONS (ITEMS 3,4,5).  
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